

January 11, 2024

President Tom Slater opened the meeting of the board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M.

The Trustees in attendance are Gary Merwin, Ed Franceschi, Steve Barsoom, and Jeff Merwin. Also present is John Studarus, Tina Anderson, and Secretary-Bookkeeper Vanessa Schmoker.

The agenda was approved as presented. (M- G. Merwin S- Barsoom) Unanimous.

The minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. (M- Barsoom S- G. Merwin) Unanimous.

President Slater highlighted the financials for the months of December. President Slater reviewed the loan payments to Bank of Stockton and confirmed when each loan matures. The loan for the excavator will be paid in full by the end of the year and the Aebi will be paid in full approximately two years after that. The RLOC at the Bank of Stockton was also paid in full.

RESOLUTION 2024-1-11-1 to approve expenditures of \$318,563.68 for the month of December, as set forth in the Revolving Fund with proceeds from borrowing from the note at Bank of Stockton, California, at a balance of \$0.00 be paid and the same are hereby unanimously ratified, approved and confirmed. (M- J. Merwin S- Barsoom) Unanimous.

Tina Anderson presents the Engineer's Report to the Board. The Subventions (FY 2022-23) inspection is scheduled for January 31. DWR and Fish & Wildlife will both inspect. FSRP funding is underway for the Sutter Slough Project. Permitting should take about 6 months, and the District should expect an advance for that shortly. Next steps for SWIF are to sit down with the engineers to set priorities for projects/encroachments on the list, as well as decide which items will be District responsibility and which will be landowner responsibility. FEMA has turned over the District's claim to OES, and OES, and Tom, Tina, and Vanessa will finalize the documents needed in order to release that refund. The fall inspection has come back, and the District did well, with the exception of the erosion issue. There may be changes coming with how DWR treats pipe repairs and issues, so the District is advised to work with DWR when there are pipe issues with relation to the inspection. With the wet season approaching, MBK has been keeping an eye on weather, and the District should start preparing because the reservoirs are more full than usual. The budget for the state for FY 2024-25 has been released and there is concern over funding for levee projects. There is no clear line item for subventions, although it has

been discussed that those programs will be paid out from other funds. This will be discussed further as MBK knows more.

President Slater updates the Board on the Elk Slough Project. As the project comes to a close, the District is paying final bills and preparing to submit for the final reimbursement. Once the conservancy presents their findings, work on the EIR can begin.

President Slater discusses Melinda Terry's plan to retire from the Flood Control Association within the year. A committee has been set up to find her replacement. With Melinda retiring, the Association has been discussing retirement package options for her replacement and the desire to replace PERS with another option. Research done to do this has indicated it is incredibly difficult and expensive to leave PERS, but this will be a conversation that continues as many Districts, including RD999, have been feeling the strain from rising retirement and liability funding costs with PERS.

President Slater reviews the issues at the 307 siphon. The camera was sent through and it returned no definitive results. More tests will follow to find the issues at this siphon. Repairs to this siphon can be made via emergency requirements, so once that is figured out repairs can begin immediately. Additionally, repairs at pumps 5 & 9 are in process, and estimated to cost approximately \$50,000.00. Pump 18 is operational, but a diver will need to inspect that soon. The big belt in the pump house has been fixed, and that bill is forthcoming.

President Slater has been working with Jason Bone to transfer the GIS license to the District.

President Slater met with Matt Brown at Bank of Stockton to discuss funding for future projects. Currently, the District has two equipment loans and the RLOC. The idea for a capital expenditure loan is to cover costs associated with larger pump repairs and having the ability to spread those costs over multiple years without monopolizing the RLOC, used for general operations. Additionally, the FSRP Sutter Slough project has a 10% cost share with the state, and it would be ideal to keep expenditures for that separate from general operations. Matt Brown doesn't anticipate any issues getting the District what we need with regards to a new loan.

At this point, the meeting goes into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. The following action was taken:

The Board voted to join the flood control coalition and to cost share the CEQA litigation regarding the Delta Conveyance Project. (M-G. Merwin S- Barsoom) Unanimous.

The next Board meeting will take place February 8, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Vanessa Schmoker - Secretary